

## PETERSBURG MOVES FOR CLEANLINESS

The Civic League Will Organize the School Children in a Good Work.

### DR. DUNCAN BROWN DEAD

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., January 27.—The Civic League, an organization of ladies, to work for the beautifying and hygienic improvement of the city, held its first meeting of the year this afternoon in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce, with a large attendance, and adopted plans presented by Mrs. J. W. Hays, head of the school committee, for the organization of a junior league, to be composed of children of public and private schools, organized in companies, to assist the Civic League in the maintenance of a high standard of cleanliness on private premises and the prevention of defacement of buildings and of the littering of the streets with trash.

The names of more than 200 scholars have been secured for membership in the proposed league, and a meeting for organization will be held under the supervision of the Civic League on Saturday, February 8th. Mrs. R. B. Davis, president of the league, presided at the meeting. The league decided to hold regular meetings on the third Monday in every month.

#### Interdenominational Church Quarrel.

In the Hastings Court to-day a final decree was entered in the case of Crowder et al. vs. Tamm et al., the litigation resulting from a long-continued factional quarrel in the Harrison Street Baptist Church, entered between the pastor, Eli Tam, and his co-workers on the one side and the allies of the former pastor, Dr. C. L. Clegg, of the church, who were removed from office several months ago by a majority vote at a congregational meeting. The decree entered to-day confirms the decree of Mr. Robert C. Sturtevant, special commissioner of the action of the annual meeting of the congregation, held on the first Monday in January, in the election of a cleric, assistant pastor, and six sexton committees, but it also affirms the meeting's confirmation of the action of a previous meeting in expelling the old officers from the church on the ground that they had been removed without the whole proceeding being "in contravention of the constitution of the church." The court also decrees, on motion of the plaintiffs, that "the said members of the church, or of its atomic organization, thereby are cut off from communion with this church as its pastor, and thus without further action thereon be said church and is no longer such pastor."

A small fire, caused by a defective fuse from one of the furnaces, occurred in the Washington Street Methodist Church shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday night, resulting in some damage, but no serious loss of insurance. The fire was discovered between the ceiling of the Sunday-school room and the floor of the main auditorium necessitating the removal of several pews and a small portion of the flooring. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the firemen.

The Second Baptist Church was crowded to the doors last evening by a congregation assembled to hear the services before the visiting Men's Society of the church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Charles E. Stewart of Richmond.

#### Long Death List.

Dr. Duncan Brown, superintendent of public schools of this city, died about half past 11 o'clock this morning at his residence, on Pine Street, after long-continued ill health. Dr. Brown was fifty-one years old, and is survived by his wife and two children, D. M. Brown, Jr., and Helen.

His wife was Miss Lucy McAllister, of Surry County. After practicing medicine for a short time Dr. Brown was elected superintendent of schools in this city, and remained in this position for about twenty years, performing his duties with unvarying ability and faithfulness, and in both public and private capacities at a time the financial condition and result was a gloomy citizen. He was trustee and a leading member of St. John's Episcopal Church and was also an honored member of Poythress Starke Lodge, No. 124, and a member of the Potters Lodge, Old-Fathers Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and of the Knights of Honor. The funeral will take place from St. John's Episcopal Church next Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

Mr. George Bailey, wife of Mrs. David Bailey of this city, died at 11 o'clock this morning at the Petersburg Hospital from an internal injury resulting from a severe attack of coughing, which occurred when she was found, last Tuesday night, shortly after the accident, and the patient was getting along very satisfactorily until early this morning, when a sudden change for the worse resulted in death. Mrs. Bailey is survived by her husband and two daughters, who are Mrs.

#### SAY THEY ARE MARRIED.

Report That Mr. Brooks and Miss Watson Are Husband and Wife.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALLEGRAH, VA., January 27.—The latest news from Miss Della E. Watkins and her employer, Mr. A. Powell Brooks, was received here this afternoon, according to the report, that the two people are married and are spending their honeymoon at a hotel in Orange county, Va. This news was received by the police department from the Washington authorities, who had received a letter addressed to Captain Edmund, of the Washington police department, and was signed "Interested." There is no doubt in the mind of friends of the young couple that they are married, but why they failed to let their people know of their marriage and whereabouts is problematical.

Mrs. Watkins' mother, of the young lady, was glad to learn of her son's happiness and intelligence, and wished to greatly improve her condition. It is expected that Mr. and Mrs. Brooks will shortly return to this city, where they will make their future home.

#### A SURPRISE FOR DANVILLE.

Marriage Announced Sixteen Months After the Ceremony.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., January 27.—After the contracting parties had kept their wedding a profound secret for sixteen months, it became known here yesterday that Miss Edna E. Smith, daughter of Mrs. E. L. Smith, formerly of this city, but now of Norfolk, was the wife of H. W. Bamster, a telegraph operator of Washington, D. C. The marriage took place on October 1,

#### JAMES CITY HIGH SCHOOL.

Building to be Erected and Ready for Use Next Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., January 27.—The James City School Board met at Tappahannock last week, and adopted plans and specifications for the new high school building. These plans and specifications will be made public after February 1st.

The building committee, together with the secretary of the board, was empanelled to build and install the furniture in the new school, to be completed by August 1st. The secretary of the board was authorized to advertise for teachers for next session. It was decided to begin with three, the principal to be a male teacher. The salaries are to be \$80.00 and \$10.00 respectively.

#### LOOKING TO A SETTLEMENT.

Creditors of Standard Company to Submit a Propos

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, VA., January 27.—There was a meeting here to-day of the creditors of the Standard Manufacturing Company. The purpose was to consider the best policy for the future of the company and the best interests of its creditors.

Of the twenty-five creditors present, the following were appointed as a committee to formulate a proposal: T. Savage, of Norfolk; C. C. Cox, of Macaray; George L. Barron and W. H. Beaman, of Suffolk; and W. S. Privett, of Edenton, N. C. The proposal will be answered by the company within a week. There will be another meeting Thursday.

The liabilities of the corporation are about \$50,000, with the assets placed at some \$5,000 in excess of the liabilities.

#### ESCAPED IN THEIR NIGHTCLOTHES.

Residence in Caroline County Destroyed by Fire.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ETNA MILLS, VA., January 27.—The comfortable home of Mr. Charles Saunders, near Page's Bridge, on the Pamunkey River, in Caroline county, was destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock Thursday night. Mr. Saunders and family of five narrowly escaped from the burning building. They had not been home during the night, and hurried out of the house in a terrific storm of wind and snow, clad only in their nightclothes, through the story barefooted and bareheaded. Father, mother and four children had to flee to the top of a high hill, a quarter of a mile distant, having saved nothing but themselves.

Mr. Saunders had only recently re-located the dwelling and put in new furniture, one of which was a new piano. The house was a two-story frame structure. There was no insurance.

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